

Several Exclusively to the Over-Twenty-One Million People... JOHN HERROD Sells the above Coffee together with a complete line of STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

With one of Lincoln's leading hotels sold under the sheriff's hammer, and the Y. M. C. A. building to be sold the 8th prox. it looks as if times in the Capital city were not as thrifty as formerly.

Coroner Bennett was called to Gibbon last Thursday to investigate the death of Fred Hoffman, a poor German. Dr. Bennett found that Hoffman had hanged himself in an unoccupied house.

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No matter, says the Kearney News, what sort of a year it may be, wet or dry, the farmer who has his land so he can irrigate only forty or fifty acres will make money.

SMOKERS In search of a good cigar will always find it at J. F. Schmalzried's. Try them and judge.

Write T. P. Gordon, St. Joseph, Mo., for prices on all kinds of Grain and ship him your Live Stock.

Studebaker Wagons at Hershey & Co's.

SHILOH'S CURE is sold on a guarantee. It cures Insipient Consumption. It is the best Cough Cure. Only one cent a dose. 25 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.00. Sold by North Platte Pharmacy.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEBRASKA. NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION. To A. B. Brown, a resident of the estate of Benjamin Hershey, deceased, and the unknown heirs of the said Benjamin Hershey, deceased, and Anna M. Howard, James J. Jager, and John L. Way.

For information regarding the Great Irrigation Belt of Lincoln Co., write the Lincoln Co. Immigration Association, North Platte, Nebraska.

MINOR MENTION.

The ladies of the Lutheran aid society will give a social at the home of Mrs. Syl Friend to-night.

The Gordon cornet band turned out in force Saturday night and gave Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Field a pleasant serenade.

The sloughs are filling with water and our sportsmen are polishing their "zulus" in the hope of killing a stray duck.

Knights of Pythias are reminded that there will be work in the third degree at the hall next Friday evening.

Talk about your California climate—they don't have any nicer weather in the golden gate state than that of last Saturday.

We were misinformed last week as to the time of Dr. Morrill leaving Grand Island. He returns the latter part of this week to North Platte.

A. R. Lemon, one painter who was let out at the shops, will open a paint shop in town. He is an excellent workman and will give satisfaction to all patrons.

That little farce preceding the grand march at the mask ball developed some male singers whose talents were previously unknown to the North Platte public.

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A number of fine bird dogs have recently been missed by their owners, and supposed to have been stolen. Among others those belonging to M. K. Barnum and Lester Eells.

C. K. Martini, who accepted a position in Herrod's grocery ten days ago, is proving a valuable addition to the corps of competent clerks employed in that well known business house.

The genial manager of the Pacific hotel was engaged last Saturday in a catch-as-catch-can finish contest with a bicycle. He succeeded in his undertaking and was declared a winner.

It is said that V. E. McCarty is in Lincoln looking after his chances for securing a deputy oil inspectorship. If we must have populist officials Mc would make one of the least objectionable.

The night cook at the Pacific hotel is quite handy with a kodak, of which instrument he has a remarkable cute specimen. He is said to have one of the finest 8x10 cameras ever brought to this city.

The Tribe of Ben Hur now has a membership of about 100 in Fremont. This is a society which is as yet unrepresented in North Platte. What is the matter, Dr. Warner, with you and the rest of the boys?

The TRIBUNE has again received the contract for printing the Platte Missionary during the present year. This office will also print in pamphlet form the proceedings of the recent Episcopal convocation at Grand Island.

Word has been received from Miss Clara Rankin who is out with a photographic outfit in the town west of this that she is meeting with excellent success. She is considerable of an expert at her art and takes a great deal of pains to please her patrons.

A warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Miller last evening for the arrest of John Berger, charged with malicious destruction of property to the value of \$150. The sheriff will serve the process this morning. This is the outcome of the skunk incident of last Saturday.

An old time "truck" farmer who formerly gardened in a limited way with a couple of windmills southeast of this city, informs us that in the first three years he was so engaged he cleared \$1500. This should be an evidence that windmill irrigation is profitable.

News reached this city Sunday night of the death of J. D. Matthews, at Syracuse, N. Y. For a number of years the deceased was chief train dispatcher and train master at this place. His death occurred at 9:25 p. m. By reason of his long connection with the road he had formed a large circle of friends and acquaintances who will regret his demise. For a number of months past he has been troubled with a cancerous formation in his neck, which doubtless was the proximate cause of his death.

The local insanity board was in session yesterday afternoon investigating the mental condition of Allen McNeal.

Now keep your eye on the venerable ground hog and see what that sapient animal has to say in regard to the approach of spring.

Buy a ticket for the Kirmess to be given on Tuesday evening of next week. Tickets can be reserved at Clinton's without extra charge.

It is said that the Methodist people are contemplating the establishment of a branch relief store in the Neville building on east Front street.

Another car of relief goods was received here the first of the week from the state relief commission, as was also several barrels and boxes for W. N. Nason.

The TRIBUNE's suggestion in last Friday's issue of the advisability of a grand charity ball is being well received, and it only remains for our mayor to call the meeting and get the affair going.

Kearney has a curiosity in the shape of a woman named "Booze" who publishes a notice warning the liquor dealers from selling intoxicants to her husband. Who says there is nothing in a name?

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Snider, who live on East Fourth street lost their little child by death Sunday morning after but a very brief illness. The family moved here from Gandy some time last summer.

If price is an object, your object is attained here. THE FAIR.

Lost—I will pay a suitable reward for information that will lead to the recovery of my black and white setter dog.

M. K. BARNUM.

Mr. Currens, of Omaha, who is connected with the Sunday school work as directed by the Presbyterian board has been in town for several days assisting W. W. Scott in the work in this county. They are organizing Sunday schools wherever such is possible, and reorganizing those which have been allowed to die out.

Some unregenerate cuss without the fear of man before him brought his skunk to town with him last Saturday, and the way in which he perfumed two or three stores was a caution. If it was with malice aforethought the penalty for such a misdemeanor should be a severe one.

Patterson & Alexander's ditching outfit pulled out yesterday afternoon to make the dirt fly upon what is known as the Birdwood ditch now being constructed by Messrs. Bratt, McNeal and others. This should be one of the best irrigation canals in Lincoln county, as we regard their water supply as being one of the surest and best.

The Nebraska Relief commission insists that it has been and still is able to meet every legitimate demand made upon it for assistance. Such being the case, the stories about uncareful-for destitution must be accepted only after searching inquiry. By applying to the proper authorities no worthy person need go hungry or unclad.

President Streitz and Secretary Osgood of the South Side Ditch Co. have been busy for a week or ten days getting the business of that corporation in shape for the completion of the excavation work early in the spring. No ditch in county will be of more benefit to North Platte than the one above, and THE TRIBUNE is pleased to know that it is in the hands of such energetic men.

I. A. Fort received his new maps of Lincoln county yesterday morning. They are 24x47 inches in size and show the precincts and school districts, the location of the irrigation canals and the bridges across the rivers and many other matters of interest. Mr. Fort received a large number of these maps, and can furnish them at twenty-five cents each. They are well worth the money.

The mask ball given by the Red Men at the opera house on Friday evening last was unusually well attended. Both by maskers and spectators. Of the former there were about two hundred and of the latter a sufficient number to fill the galleries and part of the floor below. Prior to the grand march a farce entitled "Pochahontas" was given on the stage, an affair that created considerable amusement for the crowd. After dancing for two hours the masks were removed, and the spectators who felt certain that they had identified John Smith or Elmira Jones beneath his or her mask, realized in a great many instances that they were not good guessers. It was about four in the morning when the last waltz ended. The ball was nicely conducted throughout and reflected creditably upon the committees in charge of the affair.

SOMETHING IN SILVER Always makes a pretty and useful present. We have a nice line of Hair Pins, Side Combs, Collarettes, Muff Holders, Emery Balls, Spool Holders, Hat Marks, Coat Hangers, Slipper Buckles, Garters, Key Rings, Match Boxes, etc. When you need any little token you can surely find it at our store. CLINTON, THE JEWELER.

Already some of our local seedsmen are beginning to receive their spring stock. Who will be the first to inform our readers that they have such.

The reduction of force in the Union Pacific shops is an object lesson that should be profited by. North Platte will never have the feeling of security that is so essential to its permanent prosperity until it is immovably fixed upon an agricultural basis.

With from four to six columns of local news in each issue of the twice-a-week TRIBUNE it will in time dawn upon the diminutive editor of the Era, as it has long ago to the public, that the sheet which devotes but a couple of columns to the same class of matter is not "in it" to any alarming extent.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lierk died Monday morning after a lingering illness of several weeks. She was seven months of age, and throughout her whole life had been very delicate. The funeral occurred from the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. M. Hinman received word from Washington this week that a new turn was being taken in his claim for Indian depredations committed several years ago. Many clients are deluded by Washington sharps into the belief that they will be able to adjust their claims before the departments when they stand no earthly show whatever of so doing.

J. S. Hoagland returned last week from Lincoln satisfied in the opinion that his client, Wm. Coleman, will have served out his sentence ere the governor will reach his case, as there are about forty similar applications on file. During the early part of a gubernatorial term attorneys are in the habit of trying what the executive policy will be in regard to the pardoning power, hence the innumerable requests. Another difficulty to be met with was the large number of populist statesmen who were making life a burden for the governor by tearfully beseeching him for a job.

From data compiled from the Weather Bureau records at the North Platte office covering a period of twenty years, the observer has gleaned the following of interest in regard to the month of February: The normal temperature has been 26 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1878, with an average of 35 degrees; the coldest February was that of 1873, with an average of 17 degrees; the highest temperature was 69 degrees on Feb'y 3d, 1890; the lowest temperature was 29 below zero on Feb'y 4th, 1883; the least monthly precipitation was .07 of an inch in 1889, and the greatest monthly precipitation 1.38 inches in 1883. The average precipitation for February has been 40 inches. The greatest snowfall for any one twenty-four hours (record extending back for ten years) was 7.50 inches on Feb'y 4th, 1892; average number of clear days, 10; partly cloudy days 12; cloudy days 6; wind generally from the northwest, with a velocity of 68 miles per hour at its greatest on Feb'y 21st, 1877.

News reached this city yesterday by means of the Denver papers of the doings of an old North Platte boy up at Grand Junction, Col. Alex. Struthers is his name, and he is in the employ of the D. & R. G. R. R. It appears that he was going home from the railway shops Saturday night when he was halted by a couple of suspicious looking individuals with pistols in their hands, who had been preceding him, with the startling command: "Throw up your hands or we will fill you full of lead." Not being accustomed to such orders, and being still less disposed to obey them, Mr. Struthers unlimbered his artillery, and the rogues ran. After running about fifty feet one of them fell, and his partner turned and opened fire upon Alex. until he had emptied his revolver of five loads, when he faded away into the darkness of the night. Mr. Struthers kept up his side of the pistol play with such good effect that he believes he winged his second bird, although he did not get him. When Alex. went home and took an inventory of his damages, he found five bullet holes through various parts of his clothing. The dead robber was found with a huge forty-five calibre revolver full-cocked for business in his hand.

Almost 100 members have already been secured for the Lincoln County Immigration Association. This would indicate that our people are alive to the necessity for such an organization.

The Fremont Herald promises to give its readers an insight into the methods of the local gas and electric light company, which bids fair to be thrilling if not positively hair-lifting.

Now according to a Broken Bow paper certain Custer county parties who have received relief in the shape of three cars of wood for fuel are kicking because wood-burning stoves were not sent along. This is looking a gift horse in the mouth.

Well, "Jeff," old boy, you doubtless remember what Shakspeare says in regard to the odor of a certain flower smelling as sweet though it were called by another name. And while we hope no offense was given to any one, yet what THE TRIBUNE had to say in regard to the musical instrument in question as is pertinent as before.

This office now has a full-sized albeodoid "cat" similar in appearance to the one which for so many years made the N. Y. Sun office its haunt. At the time of its making THE TRIBUNE office its home it was much debilitated and reduced in flesh. Concluding that it needed a light diet to restore its wasted anatomy and rebuild its enervated energies it seized upon a copy of "Farmer's" second epistle, and so sadly mutilated the same that we will be unable to present it to our readers. It was a very sad catastrophe.

Who is the energetic, wide-awake North Platte business man who will first want a half page ad. in THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE? These things are not uncommon in our exchanges, and they denote business men who have the "nerve" to let the public know that they are out for business and propose to have it. Don't all speak at once. That advertising pays just as well in North Platte as elsewhere is demonstrated by the experience of the Lincoln County Immigration Association (but just beginning its work), which is already receiving inquiries from outside parties relative to irrigation and landed interests in this vicinity.

I. A. Fort this morning received a letter from Hon. Chas. W. Irish, Chief of Office of Irrigation Inquiry of the Agricultural Department, from which we make the following extract which will prove of interest to western Nebraska people.

I see that you partly misunderstood me regarding the corn. I cannot get the department to help in the matter, for it is bound up by the law making appropriations, and cannot act in such matters. But I am willing to join in the purchase of say one-half to one ton of corn for seed to be distributed by your society or association among the drouth-stricken farmers of Nebraska and Kansas and surrounding country, and will do my part in getting concessions by railway companies on freight charges. I will to-day write Allison Bros. [of Tucson, Ariz.] as to the cost of the corn. If that corn proves fitted to the climate and conditions of Nebraska and Kansas I have a plan by which, with two other foreign plants, good feed can be had throughout the growing season each year with the help of a little water on small farms of ten acres or so. Have you ever thought of a plan by which to get a continuous measurement of the waters of the North and South Platte, and other streams of your state. I had hoped, and still hope, to get an appropriation to enable me to put some such plan at work, and I wish that you would write Senator Allen and call his attention to the matter, for it is in the senate we have been beaten, by Senators Stewart and Jones, of my state, they slyly getting my appropriations cut down. It is a matter altogether personal to them. I am not acquainted with him or I would go and see him. I am very truly yours, CHAS. W. IRISH.

FOR SALE. 500 acres of land under the Farmers and Merchants' ditch, only one mile from town; suitable for garden farming, beet raising and like purposes. A plat of the land can be seen at Otten's shoe store. For prices and other particulars inquire of D. W. BAKER, North Platte, Neb.

For Sale :: DITCH :: FARMS! One-half mile from North Platte. We will sell you a farm of any size you may desire. PRICE \$15.00 TO \$25.00 PER ACRE. Terms to suit the purchaser. FRENCH & BALDWIN.

When Buying Minneapolis FLOUR Why not get the BEST? Washburn's Superlative Has no superior—no equal. It is the result of studied improvement in milling machinery—the product of the hard, excellent wheat of the north. If you are not using the Washburn Flour, try it. It is sold by JOHN HERROD, . . . SOLE AGENT.

GEO. W. DILLARD, PROPRIETOR OF THE PIONEER COAL YARDS. ALL KINDS OF Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Always on hand. Your patronage respectfully solicited. Orders for coal left at Douglass' Drug Store on Spruce street will be promptly filled.

PURELY PERSONAL. John H. Clark, of Garfield, is in town to-day. C. L. Wood left yesterday morning for Omaha on train No. 2. Mrs. Geo. E. French returned this morning from her visit to Denver. Receiver Doolittle is expected to arrive in this city to-morrow morning. Fred George, of Brady Island, transacted business in this city yesterday. Matt Story, of Brownsville, Pa., is the guest of his brother-in-law, Lu Baker. Mrs. Geo. W. Finn was called to St. Joe, Mo., last week by the sickness of a brother. Dave Brown, who had been visiting in town for a month, returned to Laramie the latter part of the week. Henry Weber went to Chicago last week to see what novelties were on sale in the eastern market in his line. I. A. Fort was in Lincoln the greater part of last week looking after irrigation interests before the legislature. Mrs. J. Brennan and youngest child left on Tuesday for North Platte to visit with Mrs. North Stone.—Sidney Telegraph. Mrs. M. B. Cryderman is expected to return from Solomon, Kan., to her home in this city to-night or to-morrow morning. Mrs. E. B. Gibbs and mother, Mrs. Donohew, arrived Saturday morning from Portland and will remain in the city indefinitely. E. F. Seeberger leaves to-night for Omaha to confer with the U. P. officials relative to advertising Lincoln county's irrigation enterprises. Albert Fisher, a brother of Mrs. Jos. Schwartz stopped off and visited a few days on his way east from Salt Lake City the latter part of the week. C. H. Pool went to Omaha Sunday morning to accompany his wife home, where she had been in attendance of her father, who died on the 17th inst., at the ripe age of eighty years. Jas. K. Somers is contemplating the starting of a nursery in the vicinity of this city. Every Body Likes Them. They are the best—that is the remarks made by all that buy their Shoes of Richards Bros. Words of praise are heard on every hand, and there is no question that the people that read and kept posted fully appreciate a good thing when they see it.

RAILWAY RESUME. The 841 has gone into the back shop for an overhauling, and Frank Tracy now operates the 821 in her place. The latest rumor is that next spring the several switch tracks north of the main line will be extended up almost to the flouring mill. Some of the boys in the shops now manufacture the grades for their stoves, and it is said to be a more satisfactory job than the stove foundrymen. The list of laid off employees were marked with a circle and bar across the same. The boys said that was a representation of the ax descending upon their necks. Owing to the regular Fast Mail being way late there were two sections of train No. 4 run yesterday morning, the regular mail train arriving a trifle over an hour late. Instructions were received here yesterday to reduce the working shop force fifty-six men, and four at Sidney. This is a frightful reduction, and it is hoped that it may only be temporary. The largest and last of the company's three ice-houses was finished being filled last night. The new house had several cars greater capacity than was at first supposed and the U. P. Co. now has stored something over 5,000 tons. Orders were received here yesterday to get ready to turn over all U. N. cars in use on the main line. This decree robbed "Shorty" Dentler of a home, as he had a caboose bearing that brand, and one of the outfit cars in charge of Eli McCart was similarly marked. A. W. McKewen is in the same fix. Conductor Ketchum was taken to Omaha last Saturday to have an amputation performed upon his leg which was so badly crushed at Kearney several days ago. It is said that blood-poisoning had set in. Since the above was put in type it has been learned that Mr. Ketchum died in Omaha last Saturday. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his death. Work on the Cozad irrigation canal is temporarily suspended pending the adjustment of a slight misunderstanding between the parties concerned in its construction. Four graders have arrived, and a large number scrapers and the company's representatives informs us that they expect to push the construction vigorously. —Cozad Tribune.

HOW'S THIS! We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. J. E. Chesney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Chesney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm. West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wadding, Kinnon & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Shoes must walk if there is any possible way of making them do so by selling them at low prices. THE FAIR. Shoes for the feet of North Platte; easy to wear, easy to buy— at The Fair.